

68.(New) The system to Claim 66, wherein the first communication protocol is the Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

69.(New) The system to Claim 66, wherein a distinct bus is utilized for each of the plurality of communication protocols.

70.(New) A method of operating a system comprising:
providing a host that operates in a first communication protocol;
connecting a card to the host for transferring data and commands between the card and the host, wherein the card is capable of operating in a plurality of communication protocols including the first protocol;

the host initiating in the first protocol an initialization procedure for the connected card; and

in response to the host initiating in the first protocol an initialization procedure for the connected card, the card selecting and operating in the first protocol.

71.(New) The method of Claim 70, wherein the first communication protocol is the MultiMediaCard protocol.

72.(New) The method of Claim 70, wherein the first communication protocol is the Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

73.(New) The method of Claim 70, wherein a distinct bus is utilized for each of the plurality of communication protocols.

74.(New) A communicating system comprising:
a master;
a plurality of cards; and
an interface connecting said master to the cards for transferring data and commands between each of the cards and the master,
wherein each of the cards is capable of adapting to the master running one protocol selected from a plurality of communication protocols.

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75.(New) The communication system according to Claim 74, wherein the master can only communicate with the cards in the selected communication protocol.

76.(New) The communication system according to Claim 74, wherein the adaptation of the cards to the master is transparent to the master.

77.(New) The communication system according to Claim 74, wherein the plurality of communication protocols comprises MultiMediaCard protocol.

78.(New) The communication system according to Claim 74, wherein the plurality of communication protocols comprises Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

79.(New) The communication system according to Claim 74, wherein the plurality of communication protocols comprises MultiMediaCard protocol and Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

80.(New) The communication system according to Claim 79, wherein the interface comprises a common bus for transmitting data and commands between the master and the cards, and a plurality of select signals, each of the select signals connecting the master to one of the cards.

81.(New) The communication system according to Claim 80, wherein the select signals are not used when the master is running under the MultiMediaCard protocol.

82.(New) The communication system according to Claim 80, wherein the common bus comprises a command line, a data line, and a clock line when the master is running under the MultiMediaCard protocol.

83.(New) The communication system according to Claim 80, wherein each of the select signals is used for selecting the corresponding card when the master is running under the Serial Peripheral Interface protocol.

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